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SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

RIVERSIDE, CA – Riverside Police Detectives from the East and North Neighborhood Policing Centers arrested three subjects today for two burglaries that occurred at a residence in a Canyon Crest neighborhood on Tuesday evening and again Wednesday afternoon.

On Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at about 6:10 PM, the Riverside Police Department Communication Center received a call from a landscaper who was working on the yard of a vacant residence being offered for rent. The caller stated that unknown subjects arrived at the location and removed a range oven from the location. The subjects loaded the oven into a vehicle and left area. The alert landscaper, suspicious of the activity, wrote down the license plate of the vehicle and notified police. Officers from the Patrol Division responded and began their investigation.

Using the license plate provided, officers were able to track down the subjects in possession of the oven. The unwary buyers believed they had legitimately purchased the item from the rightful owner after responding to an online ad. Further investigation revealed the suspect in this case had broken into the residence and posed as the owner selling his appliances.



The stolen property was recovered and returned to the owner. However, the suspects continued to offer for sale other appliances still inside the vacant residence.

On Wednesday, February 17, detectives from the East and North Investigations Bureau's contacted the suspects and arranged to purchase a refrigerator from them. The suspects arrived at the residence and met with an undercover detective posing as a potential buyer. The primary suspect made entry into the residence and was arrested. Two other suspects waiting nearby were contacted and arrested.

Further investigation resulted in the three suspects being booked for multiple charges including burglary and criminal conspiracy. Suspects Matthew Nunez and James Hill had an additional charge for violating the terms of their probation.

Matthew Nunez is well known to the East Investigations Bureau as he was recently arrested for similar theft crimes.

Anyone with information on this case or similar scams is asked to contact Detective Matt Lackey at (951)826-5376 or Detective Joe Miera (951)353-7241.



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Hill, James

Sandoval, Adinias

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